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**Introduced by Senator Yee**

February 11, 2013

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An act to amend Section 97.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 219, as introduced, Yee. Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones.

Existing law requires that a state highway segment be designated as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone if, among other requirements, the segment is eligible for designation and the Director of Transportation, in consultation with the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, certifies that the segment of state highway meets specified criteria. Existing law, until January 1, 2014, designates specific segments of State Highway Routes 1 and 101 in the City and County of San Francisco as Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones, and requires a specified report from the department in that regard to be submitted to appropriate committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2013. Existing law requires fines for specified traffic violations cited in a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone to be doubled.

This bill would delete the language relating to the report and permanently extend the designation of those specific highway segments as Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 97.5 of the Streets and Highways Code  
2     is amended to read:

1 97.5. (a) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 97, the  
2 following segments shall be designated as Safety  
3 Enhancement-Double Fine Zones:

4 (1) State Highway Route 1 between Junipero Serra Boulevard  
5 and Lake Street in the City and County of San Francisco.

6 (2) State Highway Route 101 between Golden Gate Avenue  
7 and Lyon Street in the City and County of San Francisco.

8 ~~(b) The department shall conduct a Safety Enhancement-Double~~  
9 ~~Fine Zone study on the segments identified in subdivision (a) that~~  
10 ~~relates to pedestrian safety and that evaluates the appropriateness~~  
11 ~~of adding additional criteria to subdivision (a) of Section 97 and~~  
12 ~~whether changes or additional criteria should be considered for~~  
13 ~~adoption.~~

14 ~~(1) The study shall include, but not be limited to, all of the~~  
15 ~~following:~~

16 ~~(A) A review of traffic volume, speed, the number and severity~~  
17 ~~of collisions, the number and severity of pedestrian-related~~  
18 ~~collisions, and contributing collision factors.~~

19 ~~(B) A before and after study on pedestrian and roadway~~  
20 ~~facilities, including, but not limited to, those facilities that have~~  
21 ~~been revised or updated.~~

22 ~~(C) A recommendation on whether the zones described in~~  
23 ~~subdivision (a) should be reauthorized by the Legislature.~~

24 ~~(2) On or before January 1, 2013, the department shall submit~~  
25 ~~its findings from the study in a report to the appropriate committees~~  
26 ~~of the Legislature.~~

27 ~~(e)~~

28 ~~(b) Subdivisions (e) to (h), inclusive, of Section 97 shall apply~~  
29 ~~to the segments designated as Safety Enhancement-Double Fine~~  
30 ~~Zones pursuant to subdivision (a).~~

31 ~~(d) This section shall remain in effect until January 1, 2014 and~~  
32 ~~as of that date is repealed, unless a later statute, that is enacted~~  
33 ~~before January 1, 2014 deletes or extends that date.~~